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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA REFUGEES - PRINCE NORODOM

REF: BELGRADE 2297

1. WE SYMPATHIZE WITH PRINCE NORODOM'S SITUATION. ON BASIS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED REFTEL HE WOULD NOT APPEAR TO MEET PAROLE CRITERIA OF EITHER PRESENT FAMILY REUNIFICATION PROGRAM OR PROPOSED EXPANDED PROGRAM.

2. WE ARE ALSO UNCERTAIN THAT FACILITATING HIS EMIGRATION TO THE US IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE SOLUTION, ESPECIALLY IF OTHER POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES ARE AVAILABLE. YOU MIGHT TACTFULLY SUGGEST THAT ANOTHER COUNTRY WOULD BE A MORE APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY TO SETTLE.

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3. AS A SIGNATORY OF THE 1951 REFUGEE CONVENTION,

YUGOSLAVIA, ITSELF, MAY HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE PRINCE NORODOM AND HIS FAMILY WITH POLITICAL ASYLUM IF HE IS JUDGED TO HAVE A WELL FOUNDED FEAR OF PERSECUTION UPON RETURN TO CAMBODIA AND IS UNABLE TO PROCEED TO ANOTHER ACCEPTABLE LOCATION.

4. IF PRINCE NORODOM RAISES THE POSSIBILITY OF ENTRY INTO

THE UNITED STATES UNDER SEVENTH PREFERENCE, HE SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT AN APPLICATION CAN BE ACCEPTED IN A LOCATION SUCH AS ATHENS, ROME OR FRANKFURT WHERE CONDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICATIONS ARE PROCESSED. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN, HOWEVER, TO ASSURE THAT SUCH A REFERRAL IS NOT TAKEN AS A GUARANTEE THAT HIS APPLICATION, WHICH MUST BE PROCESSED BY INS, WOULD BE APPROVED. SISCO

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